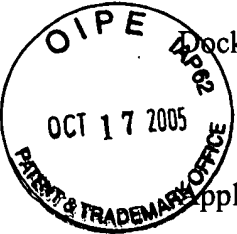


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the outstanding office action dated July 29, 2005 in which the examiner withdrew claims 7-13 and 17 as being directed to other inventions, rejected claims 1, 2, 6, and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Rundo (U.S. Patent 6,501,281 B1) ('281), and rejected claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Rundo '281 in view of Harris (U.S. Patent 2,725,548 A) ('548).

Claim 1-6, and 14-16 are currently amended, and claims 7-10, 13 and 17 are withdrawn and currently amended, and claims 11 and 12 are withdrawn.

Applicant's Claims, Amended Written Description, Independent Claim Fee, and Remarks

Please amend Applicant's claims and written description as follows. Applicant's amended claims, amended written description paragraphs, amended abstract, amended drawings, and remarks follow on separate pages as required. The attached check for \$100.00 is in payment of the additional independent claim 2.

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